

Community Council Survey

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ANCHORAGE PARKS & RECREATION**ABBOTT LOOP COMMUNITY PARK**

Problem: This state funding request would be used to implement the remaining elements of the Community Park Master Plan Vision including key safety and security items - parking lot lighting and the sledding hill.

Scope: This state funding request would be used to implement the remaining elements of the Community Park Master Plan Vision. The plan elements include a playground, sledding hill, security lighting and concession building design.

Status: Abbott Loop Community Park is one of the newest parks in Anchorage and provides for year round family and community recreation as well as linkage to the Far North Bicentennial park trail system. Summer activities include little league baseball, soccer, horseback riding, picnicking, walking, jogging and biking. Winter activities focus on Nordic skiing as the park is a major access to the larger groomed trail network.

A large amount of construction work was completed in 2006-2008 including the paved parking lot, Little League circulation area, irrigation upgrades to the league fields, dugouts, utility extensions to provide future lighting, a picnic pavilion and pedestrian pathways. Project funding came from a variety of sources demonstrating wide support for the project- the Anchorage Park Foundation, Simonian Little League, Municipality Park Bonds and a State Grant.

PROJECT MANAGEMENT & ENGINEERING**112th Ave and Mael St Intersection Safety Improvements**

Problem: The Mid-Hillside Community Council has identified this intersection as a priority project. Poor sight lines and steep grades negatively impact safety at this intersection.

Scope: Construct safety improvements to the intersection of 112th Ave and Mael St.

Status: No work is underway and no funding is proposed in the approved CIP. The project will remain on the Capital Projects Needs List for future funding consideration.

Birch Rd Safety Improvements - O'Malley Rd to Naknek Ln

Problem: Segments of this roadway have line-of-sight concerns either from vegetation and curves or from humps in the road. The sight distance is particularly limited when turning onto Birch Road from Whispering Spruce Drive.

Scope: This project is expected to level the grade of Birch Road to increase line-of-sight and safety at the Whispering Spruce Drive intersection. Road realignment, sight-distance, and drainage work south of Huffman Road are also included.

Status: Preliminary scoping and public involvement are underway with state grant funding. A proposed 2009 state grant would fund design and construction of the desired safety improvements.

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PROJECT MANAGEMENT & ENGINEERING**Elmore Rd Extension - Abbott Rd to O'Malley Rd**

Problem: Portions of this collector are constructed to gravel standards, but there is no connection between Abbott Road and O'Malley Road. The existing road does not meet standards regarding pavement, pedestrian facilities, drainage, and lighting. The need for this connection has increased with the completion of the Tudor Road to 64th Ave extension in 2007. This project is a priority for the Abbott Loop Community Council.

Scope: Install a new road base, curbs, pavement, pedestrian facilities, drainage, and lighting.

Status: Funding is proposed through a combination of state grants and local road bonds. A 2009 state grant has been requested to fund a design study. This project is identified as a collector route in the Official Streets and Highways Plan.

Hillside District Plan for Transportation

Problem: The Anchorage Hillside development is challenging many community infrastructure needs including land use, transportation, drainage, on-site systems and water & sewer service. This multi-agency effort is necessary to support all these elements, including the traffic circulation, connectivity, and safety issues.

Scope: The transportation element of the project will provide planning for road and infrastructure development to promote adequate transportation, circulation, and access for the Hillside Area. Plan to recommend capital, maintenance and operations options for Hillside roads and trails.

Status: This is a combined multi-agency planning effort. A public review draft is complete. A public hearing draft will be available in April. Adoption of the plan is anticipated in the fall. Alternatives regarding roads & trail connectivity, funding, maintenance and operations are being addressed.

Hillside Drainage Improvements

Problem: Many areas on the Anchorage Hillside suffer from poor drainage. There are many unimproved roads that contribute to the drainage issues. No clear plan has been developed for the future. This project is a high priority for the Rabbit Creek Community Council and a priority for some other councils.

Scope: This project will complete a drainage study of the Anchorage Hillside area regarding existing and evolving drainage patterns and problem areas. The study is expected to identify and prioritize problem areas and capital projects to address the problems.

Status: Substantial drainage analysis and inventory has been completed on the Hillside and a more detailed study of future needs will begin soon. A 2009 state grant has been requested to begin funding the prioritized problem areas.

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PROJECT MANAGEMENT & ENGINEERING**Hillside LRSA's Road and Drainage System Rehab**

Problem: Many local roads remain dirt or gravel streets with high maintenance costs. In addition, these roads are a source of dust which reduces air quality for the community. This project is a priority for the hillside area community councils.

Scope: Reconstruction of road and drainage facilities within Hillside Area Limited Road Service Areas (LRSAs). Specific projects to be identified by the local road boards.

Status: No work has begun, but state grant funding is proposed annually in the approved CIP to supplement local mill levies.

Hillside LRSA's Traffic Calming

Problem: The project will improve safety by reducing speeds in local neighborhoods.

Scope: This project will fund traffic calming improvements in the Anchorage Hillside.

Status: No work has begun. Specific improvements will be identified by local LRSA road boards.

Huffman Rd Extension - Birch Rd to Hillside Dr

Problem: This route would complete an east/west collector connector. However, steep grades and wetlands may make the project too expensive for the benefit. Community support for the project is not strong.

Scope: No scope has been determined.

Status: No work is underway and no funding is proposed in the approved CIP. The project will remain on the Capital Projects Needs List for future funding consideration. The road is identified as a collector in the Official Streets and Highways Plan.

Huffman Rd Gate - west of Hillside Dr

Problem: Interest in a gate to stop through traffic has been expressed.

Scope: Install gate.

Status: No work is underway and no funding is proposed in the approved CIP. The project will remain on the Capital Projects Needs List for future funding consideration.

Lake of the Hills Dam Reconstruction

Problem: Dam does not meet current earthquake standards. Previous dam break resulted in loss of life and property destruction. Need 65% design study to qualify for federal disaster mitigation funding.

Scope: Complete a 65% design for the dam reconstruction to qualify for federal funding.

Status: No work is underway. Design funding is proposed with a 2009 state grant.

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PROJECT MANAGEMENT & ENGINEERING**SRW LRSA Road and Drainage Phase II****Problem:** There are flooding and glaciation concerns within this LRSA.**Scope:** Construct additional road and drainage improvements within this LRSA.**Status:** A 2009 state grant has been requested to fund this project.**STATE OF ALASKA****Abbott Rd Upgrade - Lake Otis Pkwy to Birch Rd****Problem:** This project is not constructed to collector standards regarding pavement width, shoulder width, vertical hill design, pedestrian and lighting facilities. Additionally, the pavement is deteriorating.**Scope:** Reconstruct minor arterial to urban standards. Improvements are expected to include pavement, curb and gutter, storm drainage, street lighting, and pedestrian facilities.**Status:** Design study efforts by the State of Alaska are underway. This is a state-owned facility and evaluation and future funding would be by the State of Alaska. The road is designated as a minor arterial in the Official Streets and Highways Plan (OS&HP).**Abbott Rd/Hillside Dr Trail - Rabbit Creek Rd to Seward Hwy****Problem:** The trail is not fully constructed between Rabbit Creek Road and the Seward Highway.**Scope:** Construct missing trail links and reconstruct those in poor condition.**Status:** No work is underway or funding scheduled. This is a state-owned facility and evaluation and future funding would be by the State of Alaska.**Birch Rd at Abbott Rd Traffic Signal****Problem:** Traffic signal needs will be analyzed by the State of Alaska.**Scope:** If the State determines a signal is warranted, funding will be pursued.**Status:** Included with state Abbott Road Upgrade project unless prioritized as a separate project by the state.**Birch Rd Rut Repair - Abbott Rd to O'Malley Rd****Problem:** Rutting on this roadway may begin to impact safety and maintenance.**Scope:** Re-surface the roadway.**Status:** No work is underway or funding scheduled. This is a state-owned route and evaluation and funding would be by the State of Alaska DOT.

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Birch Rd Upgrade - O'Malley Rd to Huffman Rd

Problem: The road has not been constructed to standards regarding road and shoulder width, drainage, lighting, and pedestrian facilities.

Scope: Construct the road to standards.

Status: No work is underway or funding scheduled. This is a state-owned route and evaluation and funding would be by the State of Alaska DOT.

O'Malley Elementary Safety Trail Crossing at O'Malley Rd

Problem: Pedestrian safety concerns have been expressed.

Scope: Scope will be determined in the design study phase once funding is provided.

Status: This is a state-owned route and evaluation and funding would be by the State of Alaska DOT. Improvements may be considered as part of the O'Malley Road Upgrade project currently under design by the state.

O'Malley Rd Trail - Seward Hwy to Hillside Dr

Problem: The Anchorage Trails Plan calls for a trail in this minor arterial street corridor.

Scope: Construct trail.

Status: Design efforts by the State of Alaska for a road upgrade to O'Malley Road have been funded and trail construction is anticipated as part of that project. This is a state-owned facility and evaluation and funding would be by the State of Alaska.

O'Malley Rd Upgrade - Seward Hwy to Hillside Dr

Problem: This project is not constructed to current standards and traffic is increasing beyond the capacity of the existing facility. 16,000 vehicles a day use this narrow two-lane road with no pedestrian facilities and almost no lighting. This project is a priority for the Abbott Loop and Mid-Hillside Community Councils.

Scope: While the scope is not set, minor arterial improvements typically include a new road base, pavement, curbs, storm drains, street lighting, pedestrian facilities, and landscaping. The roadway will be upgraded to improve safety and capacity.

Status: Design efforts by the State of Alaska are underway with an AMATS federal funding match. Project funding has been requested through a 2009 state grant. This route is designated as a minor arterial in the Official Streets and Highways Plan (HSIP). The project is also included in the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).